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OPTICAL DEFLECTOR, AND
METHOD OF FABRICATING
THE SAME

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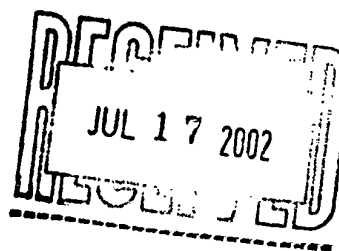
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent 5,606,447
- (2) Japan 7-175005
- (3) Japan 7-181414
- (4) Japan 2000-235152



Reference (1) is an English-language counterpart of reference (2).

Reference (2) was discussed in the specification at page 2, line 15, to page 4, line 8;

reference (3) was discussed in the specification at page 4, line 9, to page 5, line 11; and

reference (4) was discussed in the specification at page 5, line 20, to page 7, line 1. These references might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. English-language abstracts for these Japanese documents are also enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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